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Photo courtesy of Laura Torres

Steps lead to the grassy lot where the house of Bradley Underwood and his parents lived during World War II. The house, now gone, was on 11th between Harrison and Irving. The top of the neighbor's garage was Bradley's "bunker."

In This Issue . . .

At night, eight-year old Bradley was afraid of the ghosts and monsters that hid in his closet. By day his fears were more substantial. After the bombing at Pearl Harbor in 1941 and the attack by a submarine near Fort Stevens in 1942, the fear at Astoria was palpable, Bradley later recalled. With toy airplanes he constructed out of balsawood, he imagined battles between U.S. and enemy airplanes, with the enemy plane always crashing and burning. Meanwhile, Bradley's father, Walter Underwood, who had been hired to promote Astoria for the Chamber of Commerce suddenly found himself immersed in the effort to win the war. Bradley sent the story of the three years his family lived in Astoria to CCHS along with photos and documents printed in this issue.

Included in this issue is a story about a Navy machine gunner on the Columbia River and a story about the Angora Club's Nudist Camp.

—The Editor

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BRADLEY UNDERWOOD AND THE FIFTY EIGHT POUND SALMON HE CAUGHT IN 1943.
IMAGE COURTESY OF BRADLEY UNDERWOOD

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Vintage canned salmon labels.